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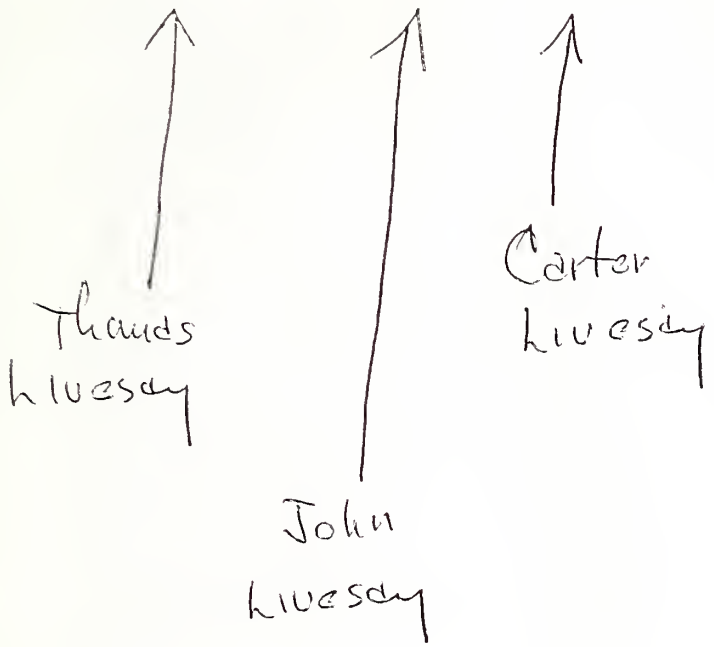

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Notes concerning Town of Levasy, Missouri

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SALEM CEMETERY - Jackson County, Missouri

DIRECTION TO SALEM CEMETERY: From Independence, Mo, drive east on Highway 24 to Blue Mills Rd. Turn left, then almost immediately right, into parking lot of Salem Baptist Church. Cemetery is behind the church.

Name	Spouse	Death Date
Coleman Bedford	Livesay, "Sallie" Sarah Ann	January 30, 1905
Elizabeth Livesay Bedford	None	November 19, 1970
Peter Jerile Bedsaul	Rogers, Anna Buelah Wallace	July 24, 1982
"Lizzie" Elizabeth H. Chinn	Livesay, John Strother	August 24, 1944
Mary Ella Dwight	Livesay, Strother Ewing	March 22, 1994
Stanley B. Hifner	Livesay, Mildred Renick	1963
John Paul Jones	None	March 15, 1962
Pauline Elizabeth Jones	Campbell, Fred	1940
William Thomas Jones	Livesay, "Bettie" Mary Elizabeth	1945
"Annie" Anna May Livesay	None	October 14, 1938
"Bettie" Mary Elizabeth Livesay	Jones, William Thomas	1910
Lyda Ann Eliza Livesay	Searcy, Benjamin Franklin	March 30, 1954
"Sallie" Sarah Ann Livesay	Bedford, Coleman	May 18, 1938
Dixie Elvira Livesey	None	July 11, 1894
John Strother Livesay	Henderson, "Frankie" Frances D.	January 13, 1951
Mildred Renick Livesay	Hifner, Stanley B.	February 23, 1993
Pearl Effie Livesay	Rogers, Charles Edward	January 12, 1973
Strother Ewing Livesay	Dwight, Mary Ella	November 12, 1959
William Sublette Livesay	None	February 12, 1878
William Wallace Livesay	Ward, Nancy Ann	September 17, 1898
Anna Buelah Wallace Rogers	Bedsaul, Peter Jerile	April 17, 1991
Charles Edward Rogers	Livesay, Pearl Effie	May 4, 1965
Benjamin Franklin Searcy	Livesay, "Lyda" Ann Eliza	November 23, 1944
Nancy Ann Ward	Livesay, William Wallace	July 27, 1878

ARNOLD CEMETERY - Lafayette County, Missouri

DIRECTIONS TO ARNOLD CEMETERY: From Independence, Mo, drive east on Highway 24 to the town of Levasy, and continue on Highway 24 for another six miles. Look for a house on the right with a windmill, and on the left is a car track lane which leads to the cemetery.

Name	Spouse	Death Date
James Fishback		May 18, 1887
"Polly" Mary Handley	Livesay, William "Fountain"	November 11, 1876
Mary Mae Lightner		May 23, 1877
Unnamed Lightner		February 10, 1885
Unnamed Lightner		July 11, 1887
Willie Belle Lightner		June 10, 1884
George Washington Livesay	Renick, Elizabeth Ann	October 30, 1884
James Washington Livesay		March 28, 1870
Mary Margaret Livesay	Lightner, Hiram	February 24, 1859
Rebecca Handley Livesay	Renick, Strother	September 6, 1903
Unnamed Infant Livesay		March 28, 1870
William "Fountain" Livesey	Handley, "Polly" Mary	June 18, 1853
Betsy Renick	Renick, William	September 9, 1822
Elizabeth Ann Renick	Livesay, George Washington	August 23, 1889
Kesiah Y. Renick		March 23, 1824
P. Sue Renick		June 4, 1870
Strother Renick	Livesay, Rebecca Handley	December 10, 1891
William Renick	Renick, Betsy	1845

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LIVESAY (LEVASY)

The village of Levasy (the name being misspelled by the Missouri Pacific Railway Company when placing the station sign) was named for my father, William Livesay, and was located on the northwest corner of his farm.

The Sante Fe Trail was north of the railway and located between the two. East of what is now known as the Outer Belt Road was the general store owned by my father and my mother's brother, George Jackson Ward, and managed by Uncle George who was the first station agent and post master of Levasy.

This store, a one room frame building, was built before the railway was put through and was afterward remodeled. Later a new store building was built farther east, and the old building used as a dwelling by Uncle George's family.

Father afterward sold a small tract to the McCrew Milling Co. and there is still a small triangular tract east of that which has never been transferred by our family.

Our home was on the hill south of the Fire Prairie Creek and about a half mile south of the Old Trial. In 1883 father sold the farm to Mr. John Wallace and bought a farm four and a half miles northeast of Independence where the family lived until after his death, September 17, 1989.

(This is an excerpt from "My Most Interesting Ancestor" written in 1961 by Mrs. Marvin Maxfield, a direct descendent of William Wallace Livesay. The stories are based on notes left by Margaret Livesay Morrison, daughter of W. W. Livesay. This manuscript is in the archives of the Jackson County Genealogical Society at the Truman Courthouse, Independence, MO.)

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HISTORY OF JACKSON COUNTY

LEVASY

This little village is about a mile west of the Lafayette county line, on the Narrow Gauge Railroad. George Ward built the first business house in the town, and commenced merchandising in 1876. The next store was built by James Wasson, in 1877. The third store about the year 1877.

At present time there are the following business firms:

General store, J. G. Ward
Grocery store, John Hightower
Drug store, John Suddeth
Blacksmith, Peter Rife
Physician, C. A. Paxton
Physician, W. J. Gardner
Physician, Dr. Henderson
Teacher, C C. Lattimer
Mo. Pacific depot, J. G. Ward
Post-office, J. G. Ward, P.M.
Justice of Peace, N. N. Burnley

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BUS TOUR - FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2001
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There will be five stops. To facilitate getting off and on the bus, please start debarking first with right side of aisle, followed by left side. Then, at following stop, first with left side of aisle, followed by right side, alternating at each stop until end of tour.

First stop will be Salem Cemetery. DeWitt Shrout will meet us there to tell about how he and his twin brother dug graves for many years. They both farmed with John Strother Livesay, and even though past retirement age, are still farming. They are native sons having lived their entire lives here in this county.

Upon arrival at Salem Cemetery, everyone should congregate near the bus in order to meet DeWitt. He will tell us of his experiences not only digging the graves for every burial, but for many Livesay ancestors, whom they knew and farmed with. We will have read a few words from Jim Livesay, our LHS founder, and then will place flowers on the graves. (Warning: Please be careful when walking among the graves as there are some uneven places where one might turn an ankle.)

Our second stop will be at the little village of Levasy, hardly large enough to be called a town. We will be there only for a few minutes, just long enough to snap a few pictures and enjoy visiting with others on the tour.

Our third stop will be Arnold Cemetery. Again, we will have read a few more words from Jim Livesay, and then place flowers on the graves.

Our fourth stop will be for lunch at the Shelter House at Hayes Park near Fort Osage. Since the Shelter House seats only about 40, we will divide up with half eating first, while the rest tour the Fort with an interpreter. Then the groups will change places.

Our fifth and last stop will be at the Trails Museum. We will see a film which starts on each half-hour. We will tour the Museum and the Gift Shop.

All other places on the itinerary will only be pointed out with comments by the guide without stopping. You will then be oriented and can stop back on your own time to visit some of the attractions, if desired.

We are hoping that each one completely enjoys the bus tour and the lunch. There is a restroom on board. Please notify the guide at once if you have any problem or emergency.

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